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BCFD Predictions for the 3rd AIAA Drag Prediction Workshop (DPW3)

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BCFD Code Details

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- Cell-centered, finite-volume approach
- HLLC flux calculation with second-order spatial reconstruction
 - Linear preserving gradient calculation
- Fully implicit time integration
- Turbulence models
 - Spallart-Allmaras
 - SST
- Additional capabilities: Time accurate LES, real gas effects, hybrid structured/unstructured solver, additional flux formulations available

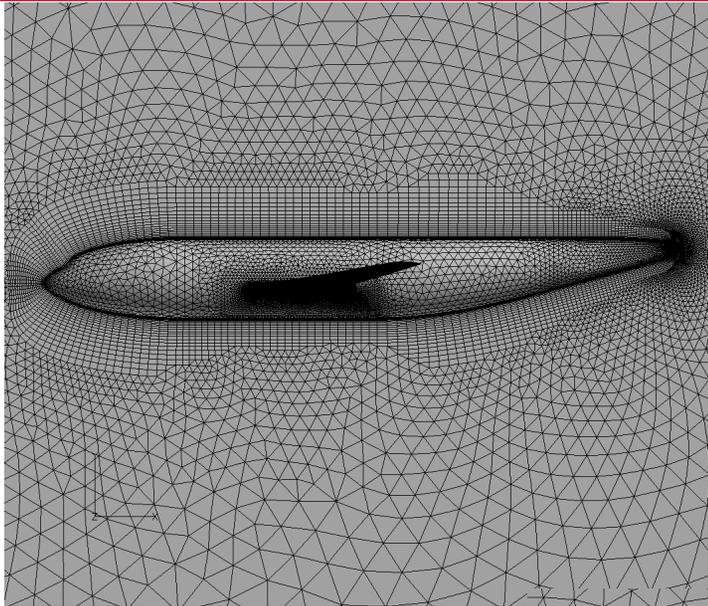
Grid Details

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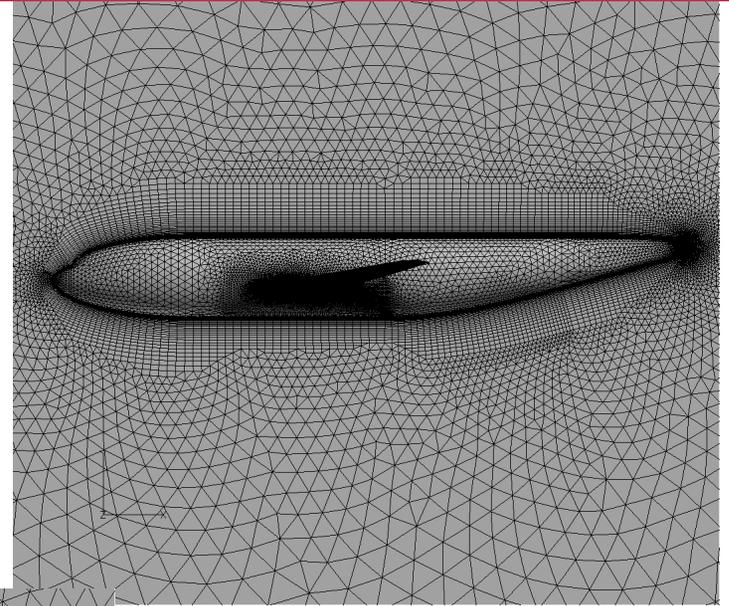
- Unstructured grids
 - Mixed tetrahedra and prisms (boundary layer)
 - Surface grids generated with MADCAP
 - Volume grids generated with AFLR3
 - Available on NASA FTP site
- Running on 64 bit Linux clusters
 - Typical execution time : 24 hours on fine grid (33M cells) running on 33 processors

F6 Wing/Body Grids

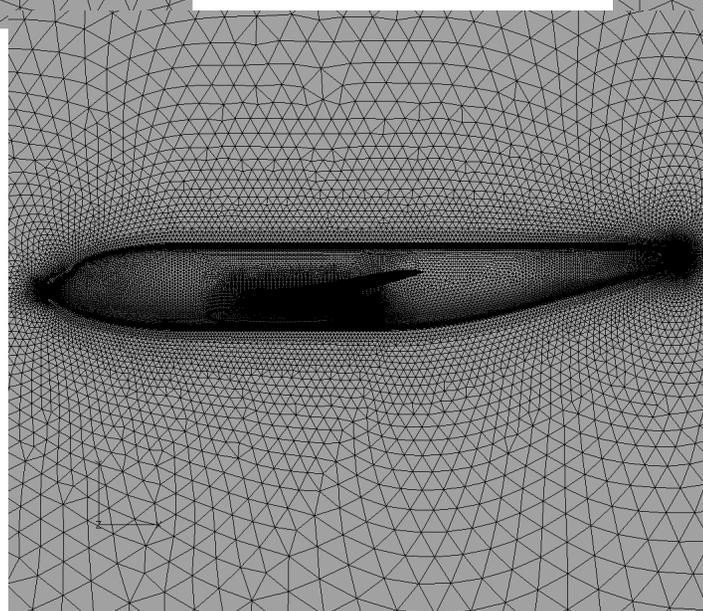
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Coarse (~4M cells)



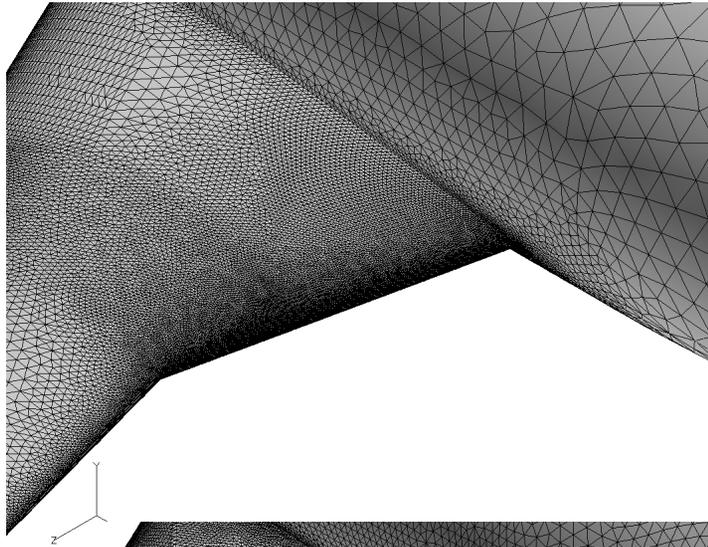
Medium (~8M cells)



Fine (~33M cells)

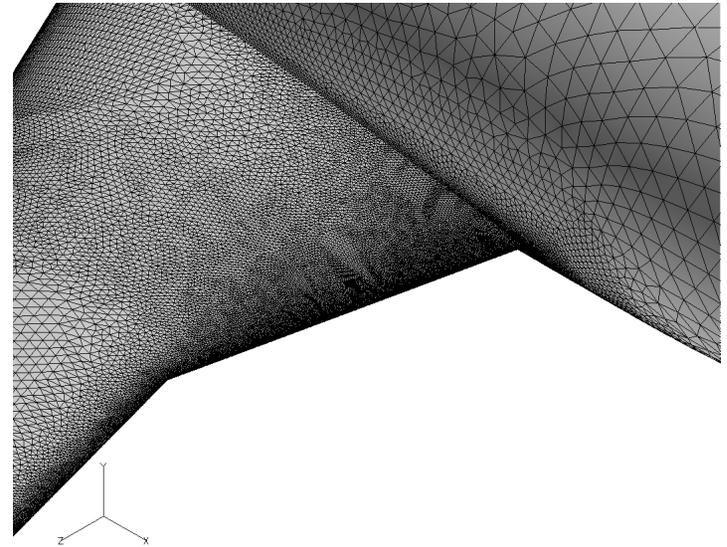
F6 Wing Root Region Grid

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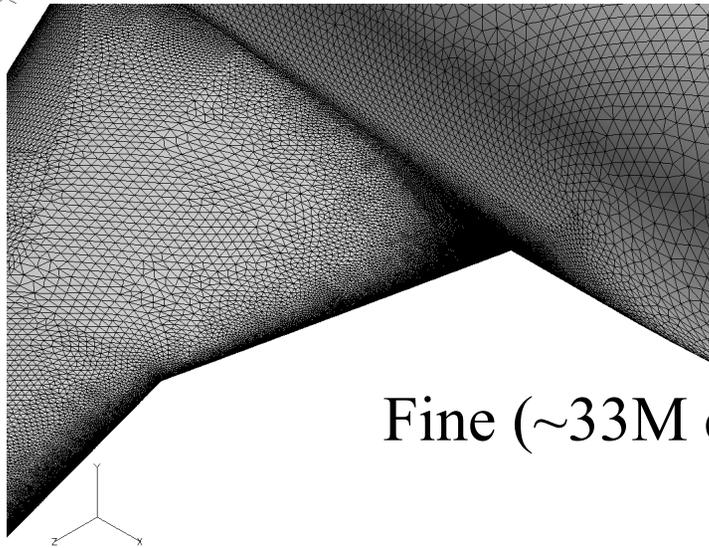


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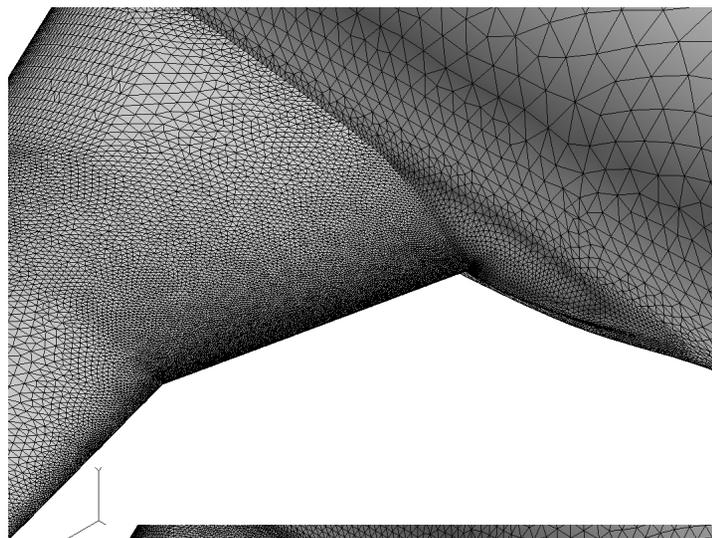


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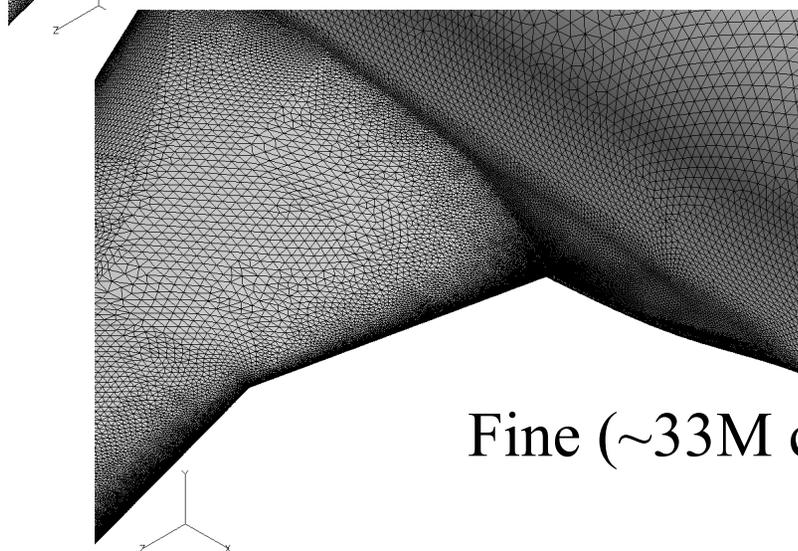
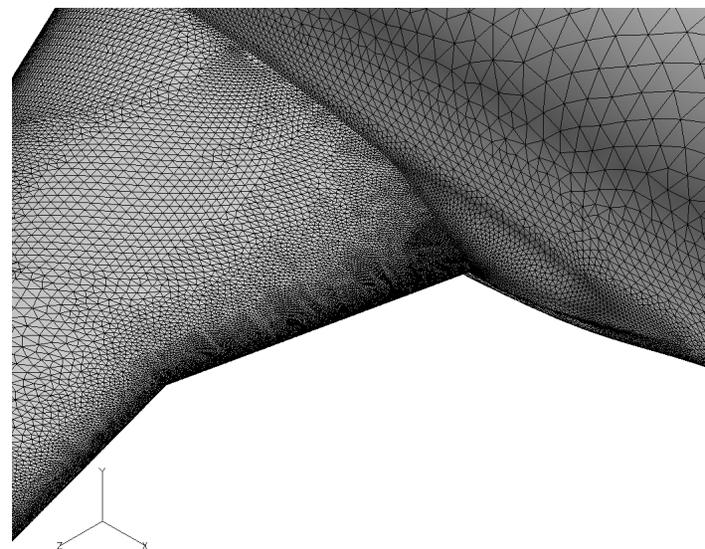
F6 + FX2B Wing Root Region Grid

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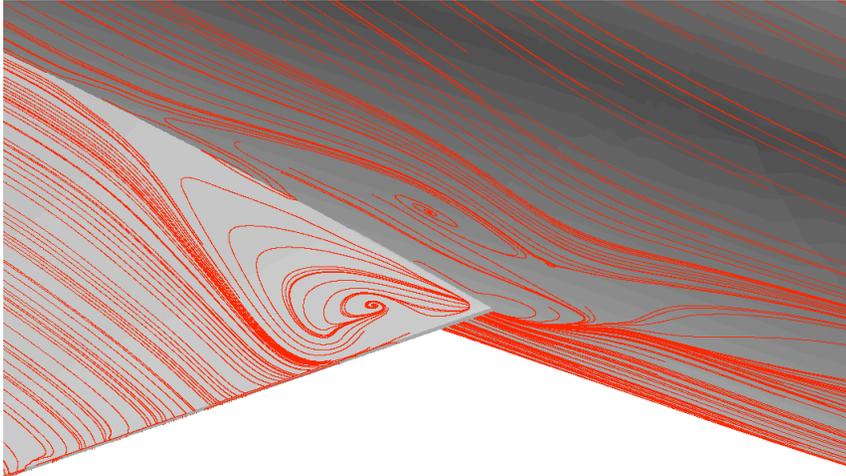
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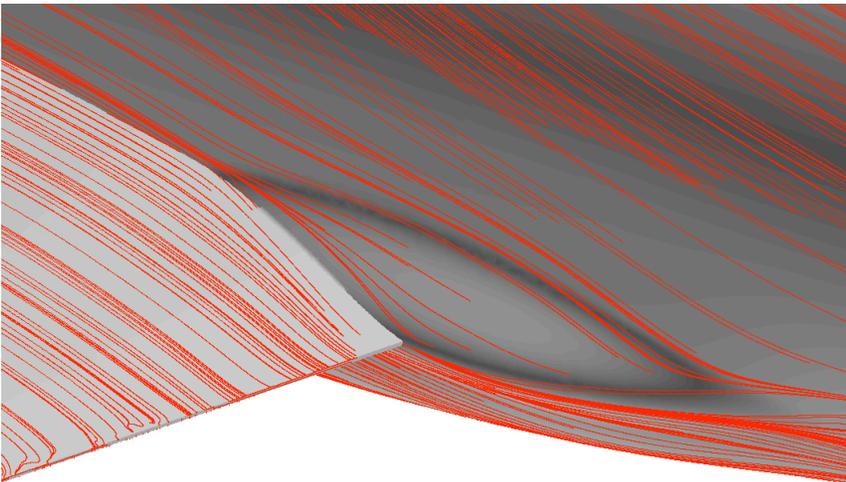
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Wing Root Region Surface flow – Fine grid $C_L=0.5$

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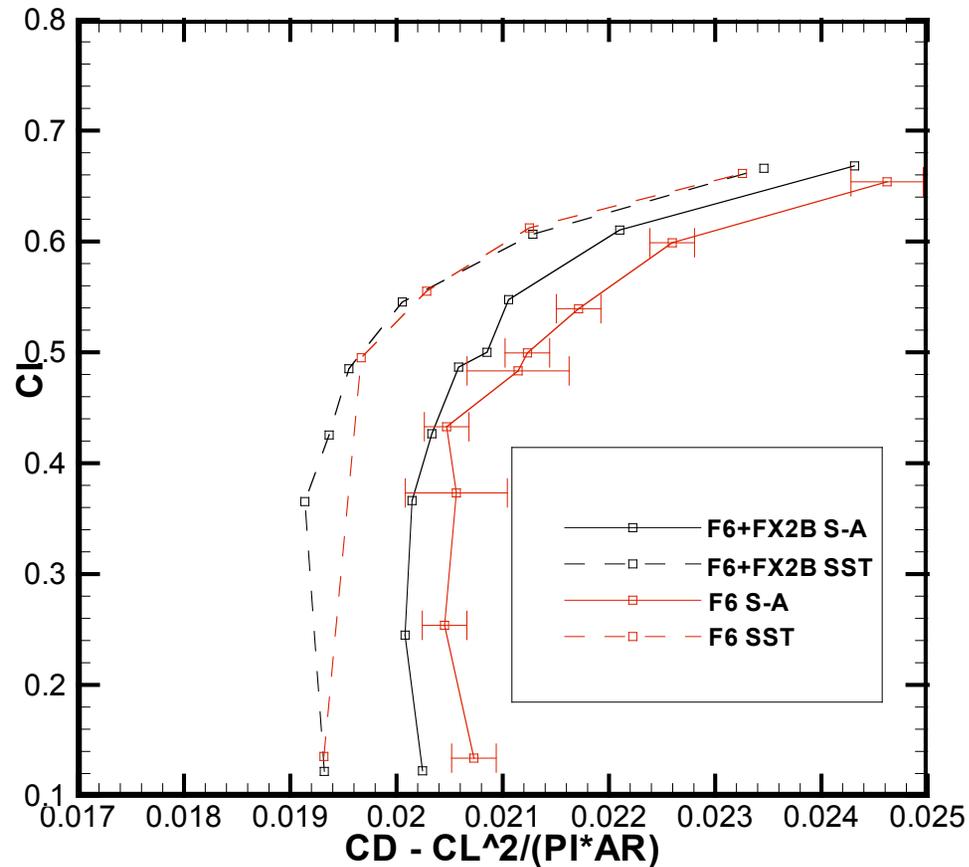
- Separation seen on the F6 geometry wing root



- No separation seen on the F6+FX2B geometry wing root

Drag Polars

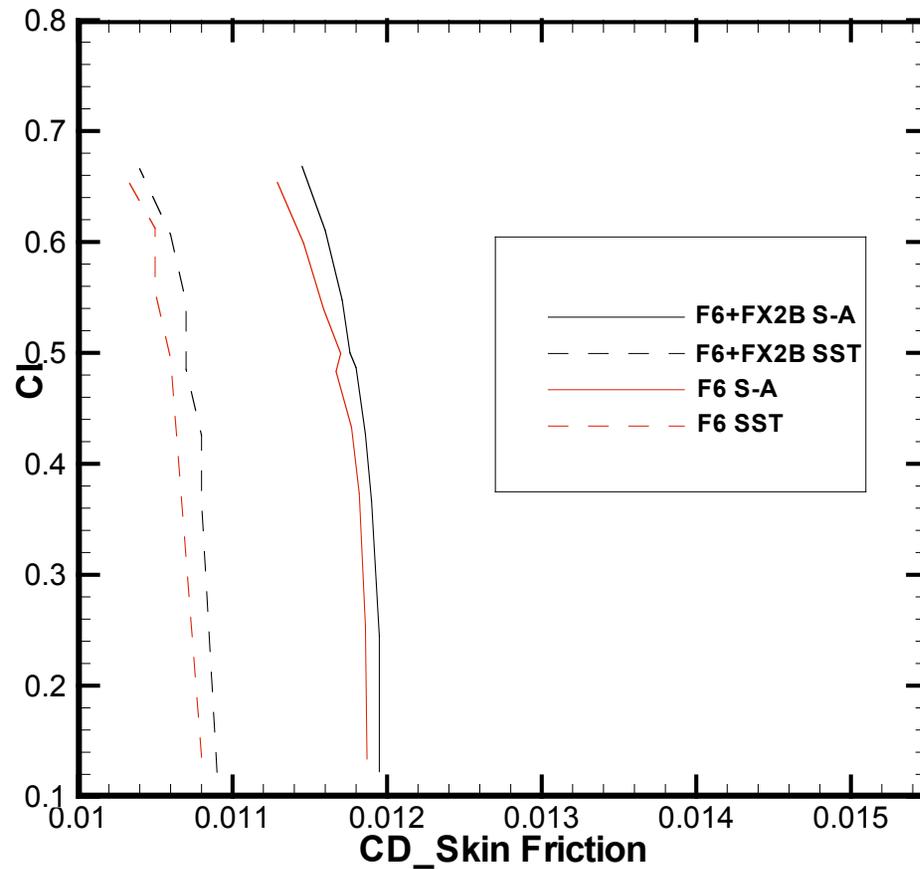
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- Error bars represent magnitude of oscillations of CL in the F6 solution
- F6+FX2B solutions saw little oscillation
- SST model seen to predict ~10 counts less drag than the S-A model
- FX2B fairing seen to reduce drag regardless of turbulence model

Skin friction behavior

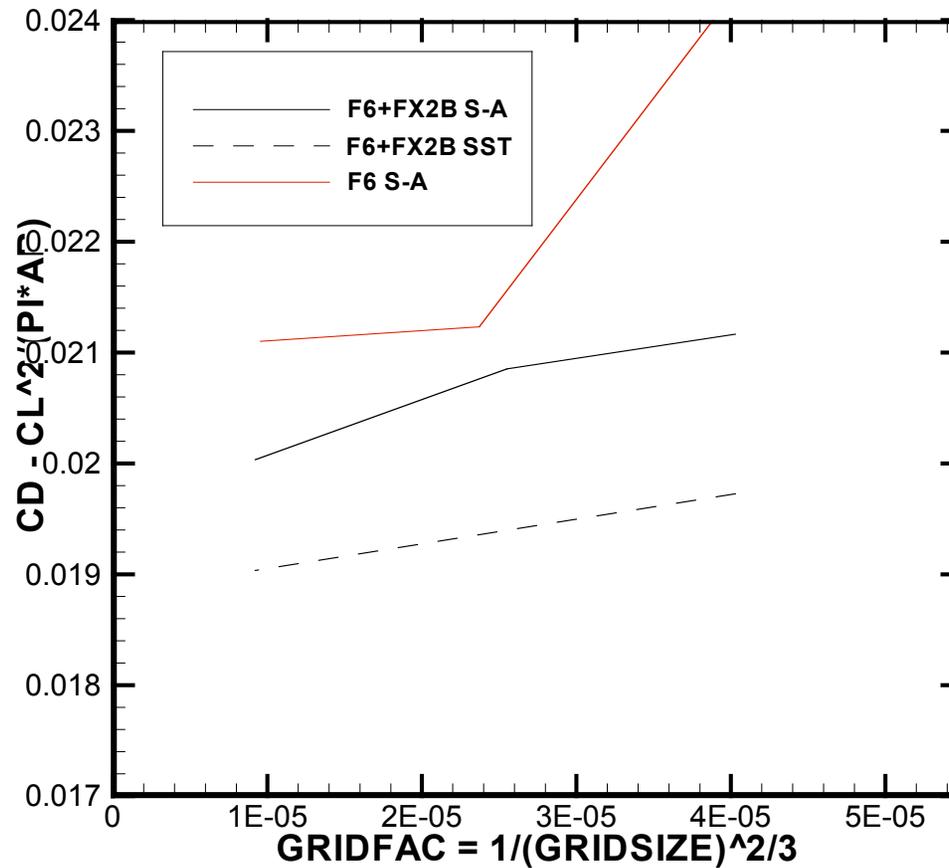
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- Lower SST drag comes from reduced viscous drag contribution

Grid convergence study

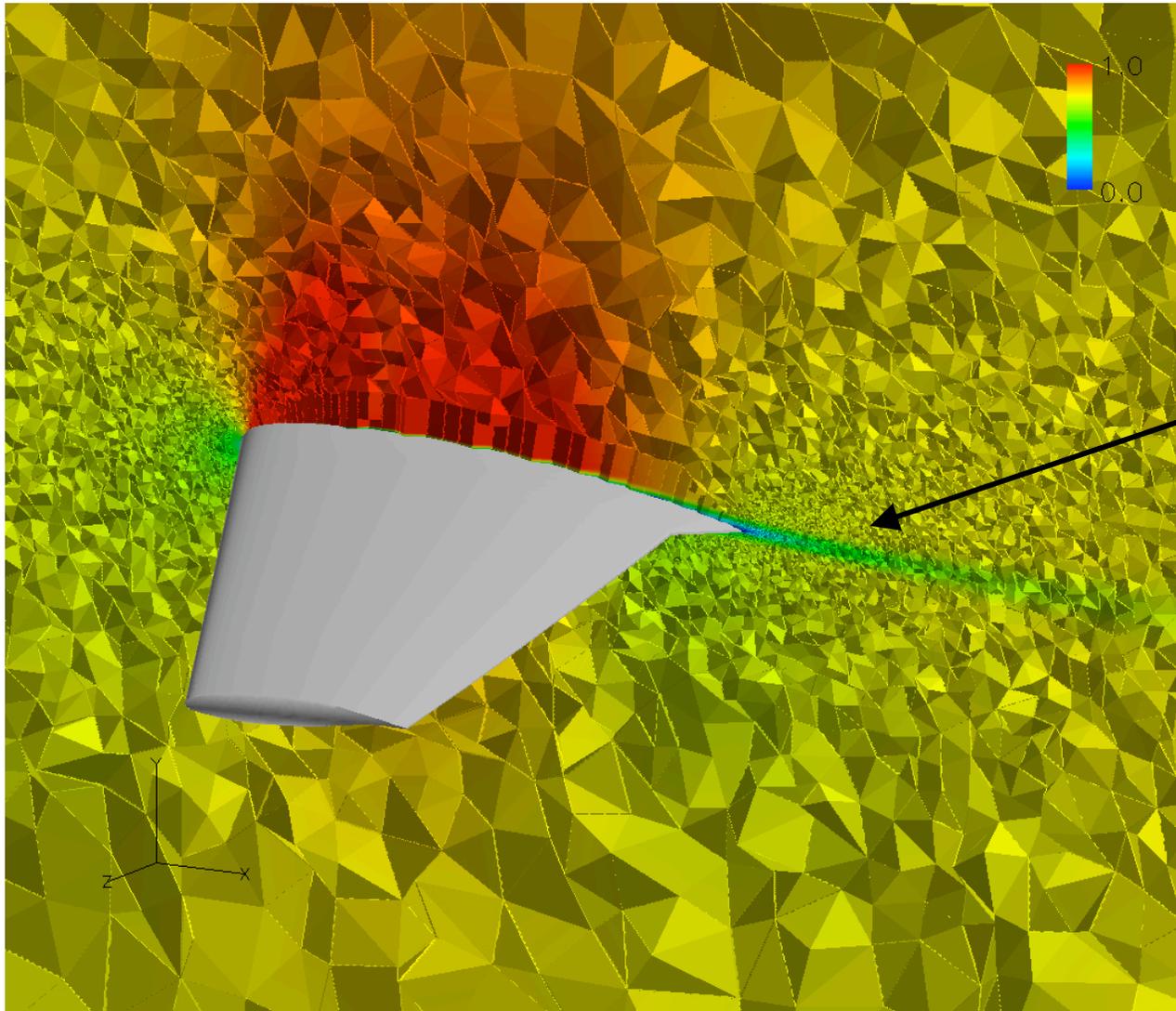
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- SST results seen to extrapolate to a lower drag value when compared to S-A for the FX2B configuration

Crinkle cut, F6+FX2B , S-A , Mach contours at BL=200mm

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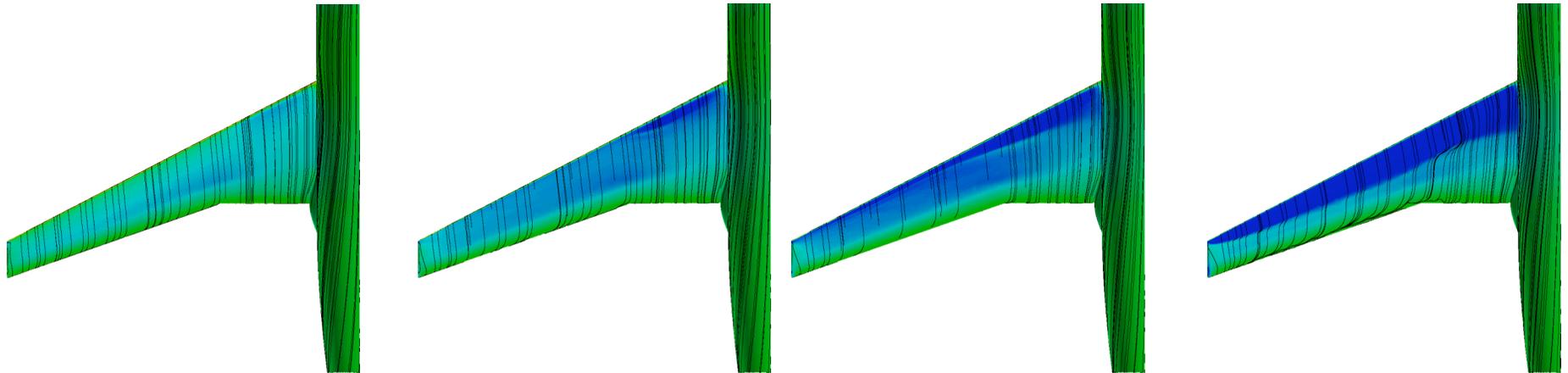


Isotropic tetrahedra quickly dissipate wake

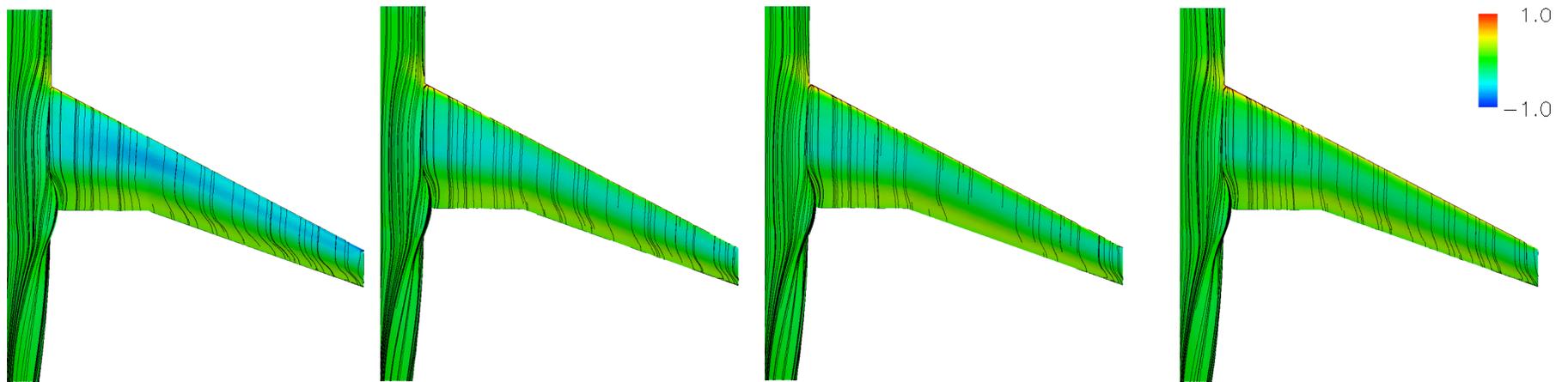
Wing Cp contours, F6+FX2B, S-A model

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Top View



Bottom View



AoA = -3

-1

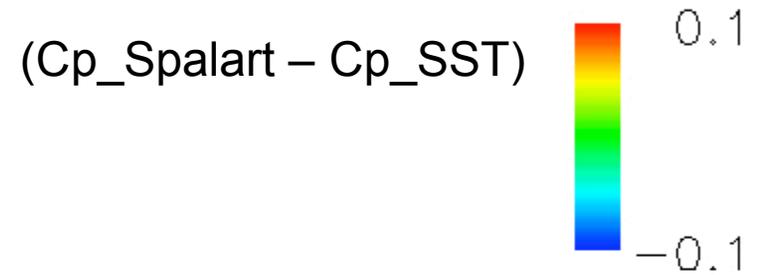
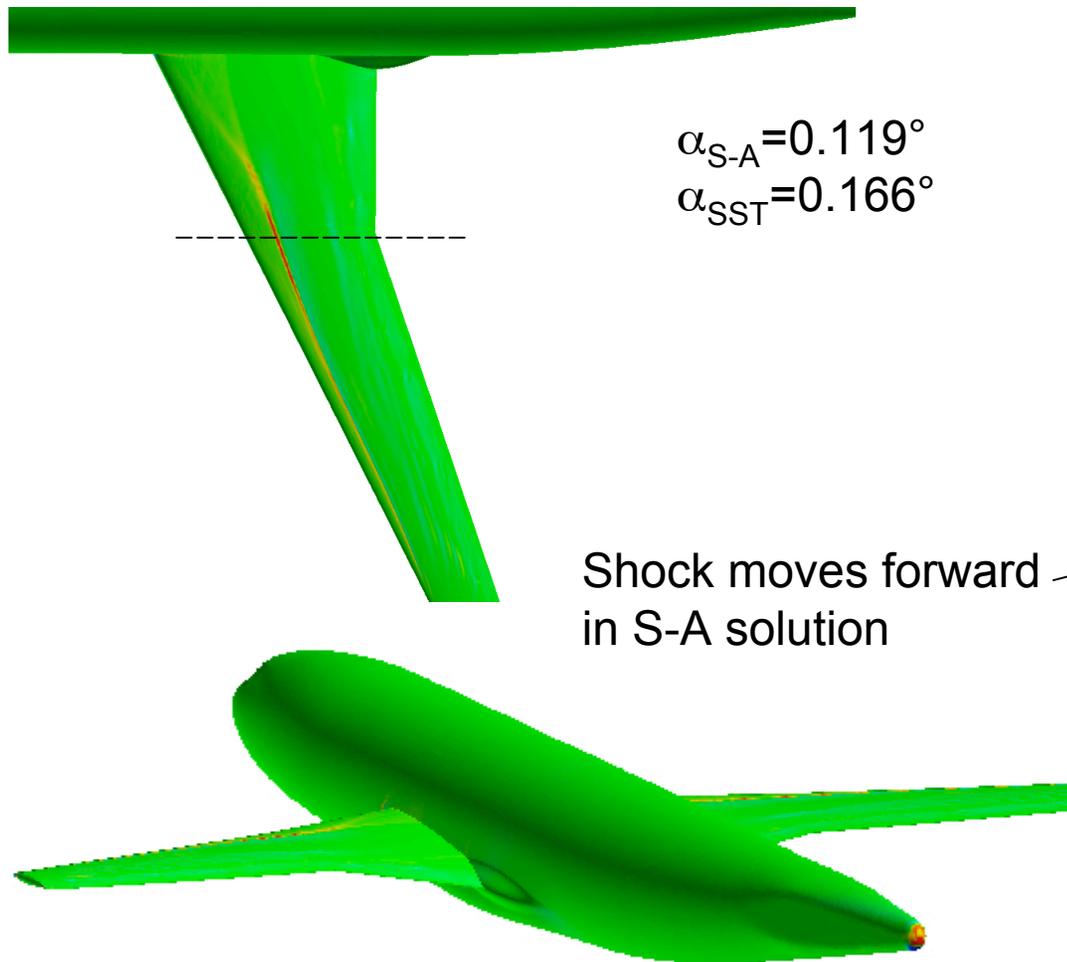
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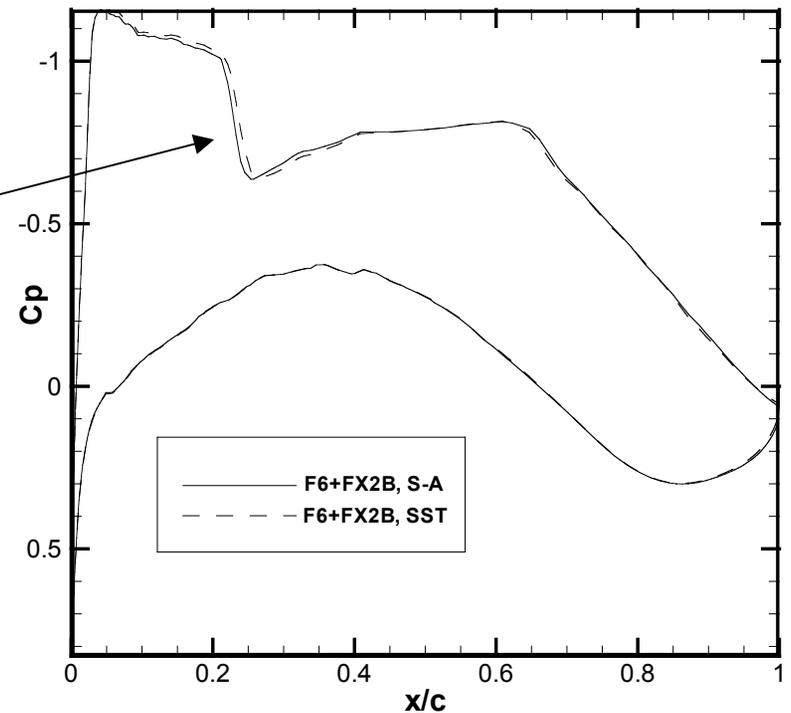
Comparison of Cp between turbulence models

CL=0.5, fine grid

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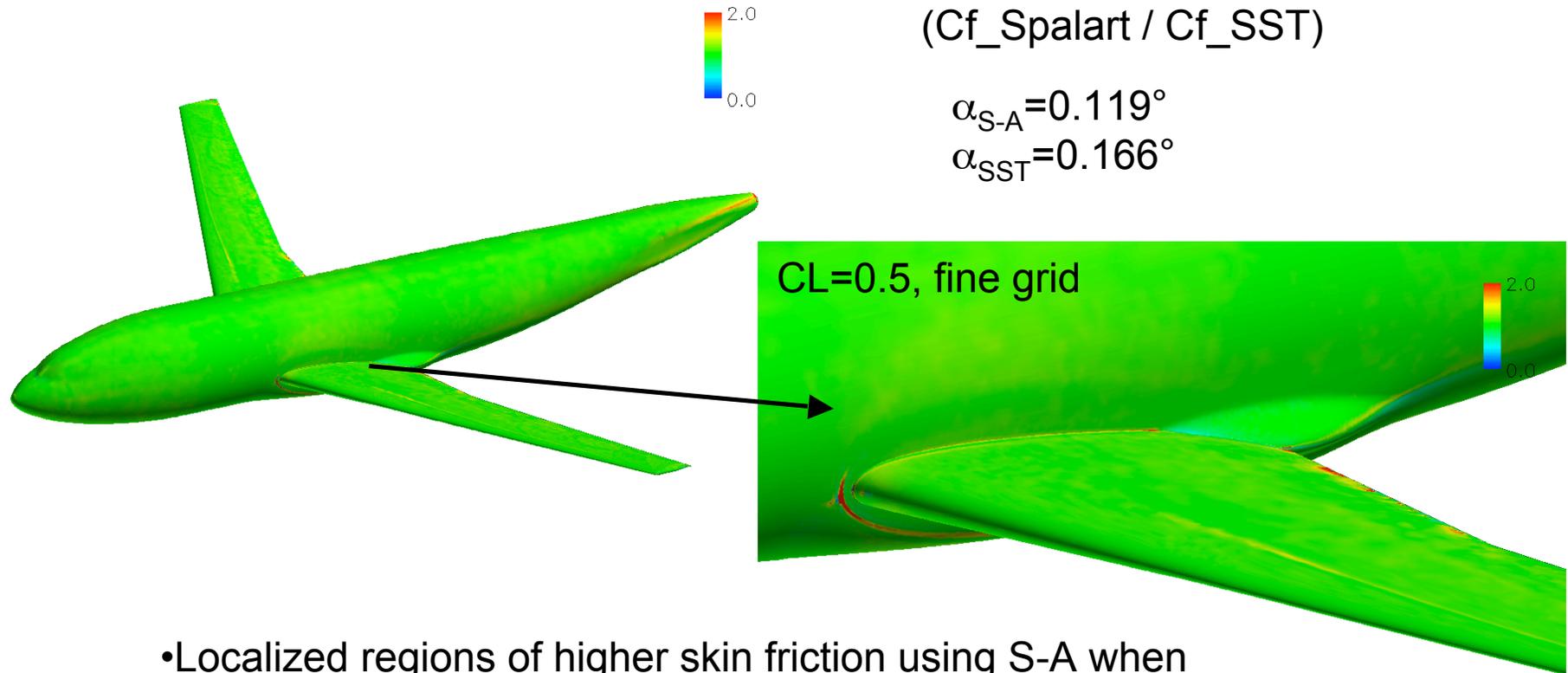


Cp cut at BL=240.37mm



Comparison of skin friction between turbulence models

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- Localized regions of higher skin friction using S-A when compared to SST

Summary

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- Strong need for best-practices in unstructured grid generation – both surface and volume gridding
- Refine wake region using localized source nodes in volume grid generation
- Difficulty converging F6 cases (without fairing) for both turbulence models
- Turbulence model + grid dependencies
 - ~10 counts drag difference predicted between S-A and SST models
 - Refine grid further to remove any grid dependency on turbulence model
- Future plans
 - Alternate grids – highly resolved and selectively resolved grids, other DPW3 grids
 - Unsteady simulations
 - Cross-code solution comparisons

